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CIRCULAIRE de BORMANN
du 30 Mai 1944 aux chefs
politiques (lynchage des
aviateurs anglais et
américains)

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OFFICE OF U.S.CHIEF OF COUNSEL
FOR THE PROSECUTION OF AXIS CRIMINALITY
APO 887 Date 8 August 1945.

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Source of Original G-2,9th Armored Division, US Army.

STAFF EVIDENCE ANALYSIS

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT (Under following headings).

Title and Nature: Circular letter 125144, signed M.BORMANN, subject: Justice exercized by the people against Anglo-American murderers.

Date: 30.5.44; Original (x) Copy (x); Language: German

If not English, is translation attached: Yes (x) No ( )

Translated by 2nd Lt.Fred Niebergall, Inf., 01335567.

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL (also WITNESS if applicable) as of 8 August 1945:

OCC - Paris.

PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS IMPLICATED: M.BORMANN.

REFERENCES TO INDEX HEADING (Key to par.nos.of Summary below):

1. Atrocities against military personnel.

NECESSARY PROCESSING TO PUT IN EVIDENTIARY FORM: LEADS:

None.

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

1. Communication advises that in last few weeks low-flying English and American flyers have machine-gunned women and children and have murdered defenseless civilians.

2. As counter-measures members of crews who bailed out or were forced to land were lynched on the spot by the incensed populance.

3. Memorandum advised that no police measures or criminal proceedings were taken against German civilians who participated in these proceedings.

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TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENT 057 - PS
OFFICE OF U.S. Chief of counsel

NATIONAL SOCIALISTIC GERMAN WORKERS PARTY

Party-Chancellery

The Leader of the Party-Chancellery

Führer headquarters, the
30.5.1944

SECRET

(Receipt Stamp)

CHANCELLERY ROSENBERG
Dated 7 June 1944 Nr.041 K.

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Cirkular Letter 125/44 Secret

(not for publication)

Concern: Justice exercised by the people against Anglo-American murderers.

In the last few weeks low-flying English and American flyers have repeatedly shot children playing in squares, women and children at work in the fields, peasants plowing, vehicles on the highways, trains, etc. from a low altitide with aircraft guns (Bordwaffen), and have thus murdered defenseless civilians - particularly women and children - in the vilest manner.

Several istances have occured where members of the crews of such aircraft who have bailed out or have made forced landings were lynched on the sport immediately after capture by the populace which was incensed to the highest degree.

No police measures or criminal proceedings were invoked against the German civilians who participated in these incidents.

signed M.Bormann.

Distributed List: Members of the Executive Board of the NSDAP (Reichsleiter)

Regional leaders (Gauleiter)
Leaders of the incorporated and affiliated organisations of the Party (Verbandefuhrer)
District leaders (Kreisleiter)

MARKED
For Cognizance to
1) Staff Leader
(Stabsleiter)
2) Central Office

Authenticated:
Friedrichs

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30.5.1944

To all Province and District Leaders:

Concern: Circular letter 125/44 Secret.

The leader of the Party-Chancellory requests that the local group leaders (Ortsgruppenleiter) be instructed concerning the content of this circular letter orally only.

signed: Friedrichs

Authenticated:
Kerms

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION
OF DOCUMENT 057 - PS.

23.Oct-1945.

I, FRED NIMERGALL, 2nd Lt. Inf. O-133 55 67, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the German and English languages; and that the above is a correct and true translation of Document No. 057 - PS.

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